



Brownfields Successes Showcase Communities



East Palo Alto

Selected as a Showcase Community in March, 1998.

- ✓ **Completed a comprehensive soil and groundwater investigation in 1996.**
The investigation of the 130-acre Ravenswood Industrial Area by EPA revealed contamination was much less extensive than originally projected.
- ✓ **Developers are interested in the area.** Cleanup costs based on the site investigation are now estimated in the \$3-5 million range, not the previously estimated \$30 million.
- ✓ **Recommendations made for land use.** A community-based stakeholders group has recommended the brownfields area to be developed for high-tech or office uses.
- ✓ **Environmental job training for East Palo Alto residents is providing cleanup jobs**

Los Angeles

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- ✓ **Established an organizational structure within the City to work together on Brownfields issues.** An Executive Team, a City Resource Team and several Case Study Teams with members from the Mayor's Office of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs Department and Community Redevelopment Agency form this collaborative effort.
- ✓ **Started a \$1 million Brownfields Revitalization Fund.** The fund comes from the City's \$151 million HUD Community Development Block Grant and is being used to support brownfields efforts. The fund has since been increased to \$1.4 million.
- ✓ **Will use the Brownfields Revitalization Fund to conduct an environmental site assessment.** A 20-acre parcel was slated to become a prison, but plans were later abandoned. The site assessment will be conducted under a Voluntary Cleanup Agreement with the California Department of Toxic Substances Control.
- ✓ **Will redevelop the South Central Renaissance Industrial Park (SCRIP) site.** This is a 208-acre industrial area with several potentially contaminated parcels impeding expansion of existing businesses and limiting efforts to draw new businesses into the area.

